

Friday, July 15, 2011

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2354, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2011.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 2550–2572; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 352–354 were introduced. **Pages H5124–26**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5127**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 2551, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–148).

Pages H5106, H5124

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Poe to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5089**

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012: The House passed H.R. 2354, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 219 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 600. Consideration of the measure began on Friday, July 8th. **Pages H5091–H5106**

Rejected the Owens motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 182 yeas to 232 noes, Roll No. 599. **Pages H5105–06**

Agreed to:

Sherman amendment (No. 79 printed in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2011) that prohibits funds from being used to fund any portion of the International activities at the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy of the Department of Energy in China; **Pages H5091–92**

Hastings (FL) amendment that prohibits funds from being used in contravention of, or to delay the implementation of, Executive Order No. 12898 of February 11, 1994 ("Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations"); **Pages H5092–93**

Burgess amendment (No. 70 printed in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2011) that was debated on July 14th that prohibits funds from being used to implement or enforce section 430.32(x) of title 10, Code of Federal Regulations or to implement or enforce the standards established by the tables contained in section 325(i)(1)(B) of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act with respect to BPAR incandescent reflector lamps, BR incandescent reflector lamps, and ER incandescent reflector lamps (agreed by unanimous consent to vacate the ordering of a recorded vote on adoption of the amendment to the end that the Chair put the question de novo); **Page H5093**

Cole amendment (No. 26 printed in the Congressional Record of July 8, 2011) that was debated on

July 14th that prohibits funds from being used to implement any rule, regulation, or executive order regarding the disclosure of political contributions that takes effect on or after the date of enactment of this Act (by a recorded vote of 249 ayes to 169 noes, Roll No. 583); **Page H5094**

Kaptur amendment that was debated on July 14th that increases funding, by offset, for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy by \$10 million (by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 586); **Page H5096**

Scalise amendment that was debated on July 14th that increases funding, by offset, for Corps of Engineers—Civil—Construction by \$1 million (by a recorded vote of 271 ayes to 148 noes, Roll No. 590); **Pages H5098–99**

Landry amendment (No. 76 printed in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2011) that was debated on July 14th that prohibits funds from being used to pay the salary of individuals appointed to the current position through, or otherwise carry out, paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of section 5503(a) of title 5, United States Code (by a recorded vote of 227 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 593); and **Pages H5100–01**

Harris amendment (No. 53 printed in the Congressional Record of July 11, 2011) that was debated on July 14th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to fund any portion of the International program activities at the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy at the Department of Energy with the exception of activities authorized in section 917 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (by a recorded vote of 236 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 596). **Pages H5102–03**

Rejected:

Cohen amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to increase funding, by offset, for the Solar Energy Program by \$16 million (by a recorded vote of 158 ayes to 264 noes, Roll No. 584); **Page H5094–95**

Gosar amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to administer or enforce the requirements of subchapter IV of chapter 31 or title 40, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Davis-Bacon Act), except with respect to a contract that exceeds \$20 million (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 585); **Page H5095**

Flake amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy (by a recorded vote of 81 ayes to 341 noes, Roll No. 587); **Pages H5096–97**

Capps amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to prohibit funds from being expended by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to issue a

draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, Units 1 and 2 (by a recorded vote of 152 ayes to 269 noes, Roll No. 588); **Pages H5097–98**

Flake amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to prohibit funds from being used for the Fossil Energy Research and Development program of the Department of Energy (by a recorded vote of 68 ayes to 353 noes, Roll No. 589); **Page H5098**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 81 printed in the Congressional Record of July 13, 2011) that was debated on July 14th that sought to eliminate funding for the Department of Energy—Energy Programs—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (by a recorded vote of 69 ayes to 354 noes, Roll No. 591); **Page H5099**

Broun (GA) amendment (No. 63 printed in the Congressional Record of July 12, 2011) that was debated on July 14th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to carry out the activities specified in section 505 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (by a recorded vote of 90 ayes to 332 noes, Roll No. 592); **Page H5100**

Blackburn amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to reduce each amount made available by this Act by 5 percent (by a recorded vote of 129 ayes to 292 noes, Roll No. 594); **Page H5101**

Blackburn amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to reduce each amount made available by this Act by 1 percent (by a recorded vote of 150 ayes to 272 noes, Roll No. 595); **Pages H5101–02**

Rohrabacher amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to prohibit funds from being used to carry out projects described in section 1703(b)(5) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (by a recorded vote of 68 ayes to 351 noes, Roll No. 597); and **Page H5103**

Adams amendment that was debated on July 14th that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the Department of Energy for maintaining, developing, or creating any Web site which disseminates information regarding energy efficiency and educational programs on energy efficiency specifically to children under 18 years of age (by a recorded vote of 181 ayes to 233 noes, Roll No. 598). **Page H5104**

H. Res. 337, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to on Friday, July 8th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, July 18th, when it shall convene at noon for morning hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H5109**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:25 p.m. and reconvened at 3:52.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and seventeen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5094, H5094–95, H5095, H5096, H5096–97, H5097, H5098, H5098–99, H5099, H5100, H5100–01, H5101, H5101–02, H5102–03, H5103, H5104, H5105–06, H5106. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY VOTING

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on military voting. Testimony was heard from Robert H. Carey, Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Defense Human Resources Activity; Captain Angel Jackson-Gillespie, USA, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne; Dean Crepes; Director, Lexington County Commission of Registration and Elections; and Deborah Seiler, San Diego County Registrar, Registrar of Voters.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing entitled “The American Energy Initiative.” The hearing focused on legislation regarding the “Pipeline Infrastructure and Community Protection Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from Rep. Rehberg; Rep. Speier; Cynthia L. Quarterman, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing to Address Spectrum and Public Safety Issues.” Testimony was heard from Christopher M. Moore, Chief of Police, San Jose Police Department.

HOMELAND SECURITY CONTRACTING

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Management held a hearing entitled “Homeland Security Contracting: Does the Department Effectively Leverage Emerging Technologies?” Testimony was heard from Charles K. Edwards, Acting Inspector General, Department of Homeland Security; David Maurer, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Team, GAO; Rafael Borrás, Under Secretary for Management and Chief Acquisition Officer, Department of Homeland Security;

Henry Gonzalez, Director, Acquisition Support and Operations Analysis, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

INNOVATIVE DESIGN PROTECTION AND PIRACY PREVENTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, Competition and the Internet held a hearing on legislation regarding the “Innovative Design Protection and Piracy Prevention Act.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OFFSHORE ENERGY

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Offshore Energy: Interior Department’s Plans for Offshore Energy, Revenue, and Safety Reorganization.” Testimony was heard from Michael R. Bromwich, Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy, Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; and Gregory J. Gould, Director, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of The Interior.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2433, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws relating to the employment and training of veterans, and for other purposes; H.R. 1941, the “Hiring Heroes Act of 2011”; and H.R. 169, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the main page of the Internet Web site of the Department of Veterans Affairs a hyperlink to the VetSuccess Internet Web site and to publicize such Internet Web site. Testimony was heard from Rep. Bishop of Georgia; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

INTERNET FREEDOM

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Internet freedom in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on current trends in Internet governance, after receiving testimony from Daniel Baer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Dunja Mijatovic, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Representative on Freedom of the Media, Vienna, Austria; David J. Kramer, Freedom House, and Ivan Sigal, Global Voices, both of Washington, D.C.; Rafal Rohozinski, University of Toronto Canada Center for Global Security Studies and the Citizen Lab, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; and Charles Lee, Lyndhurst, New Jersey.